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Thirty-nine local organizations attend Congressman Dent's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Grant Workshop

ALLENTOWN — Thirty-nine local organizations that serve the region's communities attended the Faith-Based and Community Initiative Summit of 2006, hosted by U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) to provide information on how to access federal grants.

The Congressman hosted the event at the Lehigh County Government Center. Presentations were made by: S. Van Williams, Operations Specialist at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Rhett Butler, Special Assistant at the Center for Faith-Based Community and Initiatives at the U.S. Department of Labor; Bernard Brown, The Corporation for National and Community Service; and Mary Gonzales, Program Advisor at Grants.gov.

Attendees learned about federal funding opportunities within the White House Faith-Based and Community Initiatives program. Many of the attendees were able to meet one-on-one with agency representatives there to facilitate the process. Some of the organizations also used the opportunity to network with each other.

"The communities of the 15th District are well served by programs run by smaller community and faith-based organizations, some of who were unfamiliar with or unaware of federal funds that could help fulfill their

missions,” Congressman Dent said. “I’m proud to be able to provide these organizations a forum to learn how to work with the federal government.”

Any organizations interested in learning more about information provided at the Summit should contact Congressman Dent’s offices, 610-861-9734 or 202-225-6411.

Organizations represented at the Summit were:

- AIDS Outreach
- Allentown Rescue Mission
- Big Brothers/Sisters of the Lehigh Valley
- Camelot for Children
- Caring Place
- Casa Guadalupe
- Catholic Charities
- CareNet
- Church of God
- City Limits Church
- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley
- DeSales University
- Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
- Everlasting Life Ministries
- First Mennonite Church
- Grace Episcopal Church
- Grace Montessori School
- Haven House
- Hispanic-American Organizations
- Indian Valley Housing Corp.
- Jewish Community Center
- Latinos for a Health Community
- Lehigh Valley Conference of Churches
- LifeChurch
- Meals on Wheels
- Phoebe Ministries
- Push the Rock
- Sacred Heart Hospital
- Salem Christian School
- St. George’s Church

- St. John's Lutheran Church
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church
- Salvation Army
- South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center
- Spanish Council
- Spring Garden Children's Center
- Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley
- Valley Youth House
- Victory House of the Lehigh Valley

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